EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Shawnee county assessors report the population of Topeka to be 9,003, and of Shawnee county, 19,114.

It is good news to all to hear of the gradual nigration of many kinds of birds westward. This shows the wisdom of planting trees, and as the people of Canzas change their prairie slopes into forests the more and larger accessions of birds they will receive.

The British Royal Geographical society is about to start another exploring expedition to Africa, the ostensible object of which will be VOLUME 8. to explore the northern end of Lake Nyanza, and thence, if the funds suffice, to the southern end of Lake Tanganyika. The principal object of the expedition will be to make accurate sps of the lake region of that country.

Gen. Maceo, one of the Cuban generals, has recently arrived in New York, and states that

No paper in the west shows such a disposi-City Journal. The last change in this direccelitorial matter is always written in a tone in-

vestigation movement of the Democratic party. He is said to declare that, if the policy of investigation inaugurated under the Potter resolution is allowed to prevail it will be certain to split the party in the South, happen what

Gov. Hampton of South Carolina was approached recently upon the matter of the Potter investigation business and gave it as his decided opinion that "the re-opening of the Presidential question at this juncture is fraught tect upon the great mass of people.

Decorrtion Day was observed in Washington, New York, and a number of other principal cities of the Union on last Thursday. The decoration of the cemetery near the battlefield of Gettysburg is represented as being the most imposing, from the fact that President Hayes and many notables from Washington were present and participated in the exercises of the day. Gen. Benj. F. Butler was the orator of the day, who delivered an eloquent oration on "the private Soldier in the War of the Rebellion." The President followed him in a few appropriate remarks germane to the occasion. Attorney-General Devens and Secretary McCreary, then followed with brief addresses that historic ground.

We are glad to note (through the Washington correspondence of the Atchison Champion) that Prof. Riley has conducted the grass-hopper investigation with such signal ability and dispatch, that the publication of the report of the for distribution, and that it may be in time to strongly of the opinion that the grasshopper 'burden'' is not to be seriously apprehended in the future of our State, unless following a more serious drouth than there is any reason to anticipate. He is enthusiastic in his predictions for Kansas, and believes her misfortunes are all ended.

Apropos of the above, we hope the profes sor's report may be in time to engage the attention of the present Congress to the subject. so that the commission may get a further appropriation to enable them to look into grasshopper matters in Montana, where it is reported, grasshoppers have been hatching in considerable quantities.

The rumor coming from Denver announcing the agitation of a project, which, if successful will result in the erection of a rolling mil there for the manufacture of railroad iron, and other appliances needful in the construction of railroads, is, to say the least, an auspiciou event fraught with much that is calculated to rapidly advance the almost daily growth of western prosperity. The western people comprised largely of a majority of energetic intelligent men, who being quick to see the feasibility of any projected enterprise for their good, are also quick to act upon it, thereby bringing into existence more occupation for labor, more productions to swell the different veins of commerce, and consequently adding one more to the list of certain and safe investments to invite the resources of capitalists Besides an enterprise of this kind will go a those birds out on the bar were called. twelve months of 1877 there was handlong ways to lessen the cost of railroad supplies, giving a decided impetus and substantial encouragement to all of the late railroad projects now upon the eve of consumulation in our State. It will cause the great eastern and European monopolies to reduce the he made answer. "The'rs na perticler of their specialities—wheat."

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The coast of New Zealand viewed from the cabin with which the whole ships' cabin with his clam Insurance presidents, to men holding impor- convulsions of nature, and it is grim and

very much resembling a cluster of vil-lages in fact. Up and down the coast away out here in the southern seas.

Itel it was, to be sure, authen-something better than a canal driver.

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mountains. In places the sea beach is formed of a shining white sand, which, from afar, is readily taken for foaming surf. At other points steep cliffs like those of Nahant, rise close on the watthese of Nahant rise of Nah Ex-Governor Penn, who was one of the ers' edge, to the height of a few hun-ring-leaders and chief instigators of the revo- dred feet, and the breakers, now and lutionary movements which culminated in a again, dash high up against their faces bloody riot in New Orleans three or four years As we approach Cape Saunders, there ago, and who delighted to be considered a ter- come into view two great cavernous ror to Republicans, is now trimming his sails openings, like volcanic craters, near the for another tack. Recent developments represent him as a cold comforter to the late in- to the boat harbor. On the other side of the harbor is Mt. Charles, 1410 feet high. The cavernous hill is Sandy Mountain; to the southwest of it is Cook's Saddle Hill, right well deserving the name, and jutting out near the

former is the bold, craggy Gull Rock. On the slope of Mount Charles, near the cape is a beacon tower, and we also distinguished the large telegraphic station, looking like a half-finished building. Rounding Cape Saunders, we soon catch sight of a small black object, miles with danger to the whole country. It will away upon the water. Gazing at it for injure especially the South, which needs peace, and I should regard it as a grave mistake upon their part in this matter." We predict that other great conservative leaders will not differ materially from the Governor upon this submaterially from the Governor upon this sub- pense with its services, if he could. The the banks were closed, and the city of ject, which of course will have a salutary ef- pilots, if possible, he regarded with even Dunedin, discovering that the regatta less favor. The captain though a spirit- would not come to it, was verily going It will be seen that the K. P. takes the ualist, a believer in second sight and a various Sleepy Hollow myths, and upcountry proselyte, of is supremely prac-tical in the matter of dollars and cents. The small steamer comes towards us rapidly, and we move at no mean pace towards her, for there is a good ses breeze blowing. She is the steam tug, Iron Age, a side wheeler. They have none of the American propellers out here. These tug boats, though possess-ing nothing like the driving power of a screw propeller, can execute many manoeuvres, such as backing water and turning around, with a celerity unknown to the latter. The skipper of the tug commemorative of the great battle fought upon names the modest little sum of £15, athe charge for towing the vessel up to Port Chalmers, and including "remov-

In Dickinson county, which last year had 80,000 acres, we are told that this al," (a term used in speaking of the year they have at least 100,000 acres; transfer of a vessel from her anchorage and that under no circumstances would in the stream to the place of unloading they hear of a less yield than 20 bushels at the pier.) After a little bickering and some insisted upon a much higher about the price, the services of the tug average. Saline county comes next Entomological Commission will soon be ready are accepted, and we soon pass the giant on our way out west, and we were sentinel of red hematite, with the signal assured that she had at least 100,be submitted to the present Congress. He is station and light house on its summit, 000 acres of wheat, and that within and enter the portals of Otago harbor. her borders was to be found the best It requires careful pilotage here, the and greatest wheat garden of the State: ch annel of deep water is not very wide, which, in local nomenclature, is denomand a great area of sand bar is exposed insted Gypsum Creek. The wheat at low water. On this bar hundreds of grown within the limits of this valley is white sea birds are collected together, causing it to appear as if covered with than any grown elsewhere in the counsnow, they are so thick. The high ty, or adjoining counties. We were inmountain barriers which line the har- formed that we might call upon Mesers. bor are covered with bushes and stunted Powers, Lynde & Wright for a verifica-trees, some thickly wooded, others tion of the claim. Here they, too, claim sparsely; and, up there, numbers of fine at least 20 bushels to the acre. We were Durham cattle are grazing, and with the told a wondrous story of a land lying aid of the glass one can see many fat to the south of Saline, which no longer we sheep.

A little further inland is a great bank of white and, and although it is setting of the Golden Belt". McPherfull a mile distant, the wind blows the son county was, we were told-and we the sand into our eyes. But a few mo- verified the statement-last year the ments now, until we reach the Port first wheat county in the State. Here, Chalmers and cast anchor, in the stream, within a few cables' lengths of the American barque, Cruller, from Boston. Imican barque, Cruller, from Boston. Immediately may be seen three or four boats put out from the long pier. The first one to reach us brings a long-visage gauche butcher's boy, who gets an order for fresh beef and potatoes from the captain, and departs. A second boat bears three reporters, and a bull-uttering Irishman, withred check.

that, sur!"

a neighbor's premises and laid a nest full of eggs. Another hea belonging to appetites for news. Some one has said that con deposits can be found in both states. Not only this, but other enterprises of the same character should spring up all over the West, and should the day ever come when we can boast of our extensive rolling mills, the doom of "fron kings" will have been scaled; their power effectually crushed; no longer having it in their power to dictate upon what terms the commodity in which they deal, can be obtained.

A custom house officer, wonderfully the human and the three said that the physiognomy of the human and the three said that the physiognomy of the human and the two neighbors got into a wrangle about the chickens. They were sold by No. 2 to a third party, whereupon No. 1 got out a writ of replevin, and the case was tried a few days ago, with able commodity in which they deal, can be obtained.

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polite (and genuinely so) came aboard our vessel, and soon after there came At the age of nineteen Gen. Garfield the harber master, and each took leave could not read. Six years later he

insurance presidents, to men holding important positions on leading railroads. Two men named Heafford and White, assistant passenger agents of the Missouri Pacific railroad have been dismissed from the company charged with appropriating funds of that railroad entrusted to their custody in the natural course in the city of Dunedin, but across the peninhead of the city of Dunedin trusted to their custody in the natural course of business. sula, twenty miles in the distance, it looks like anything but a metropolis—lusion. Here it was, to be sure, authenthey call him," it deprived me of the il-lusion. Here it was, to be sure, authen-character, and a laudable ambition to be

> Port Chalmers in the province of of life have accomplished as much, are Otago, is a little town, with low, scattered houses for the most part, its central portion, being on an elevation overlooking the barbor stream toward the city of brighter example to place before the Dunedin, on the one hand, and toward youth of America than the life-struggle the sea on the other. It is six miles and success of James A. Garfield, schol-from the light house bluff, and eight ar, soldier, and statesman.—Sandusky miles from Dunedin. The population Register. of this place was about 3,000 in 1874; it must be 6,000 now, Port Chalmers has some pretty little churches, a good grammar school, besides several spacious are built of a hard, blue stone, which is quarried from the neighboring hills.
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> They burn gas here in the houses, and crossing couldn't hear the engine bells, tores and hotels. The principal edifices have a plentiful supply of fresh water.
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> Last Friday was a great day in East-

ern Otago. A regatta took place at Port Chalmers, and all the village was out in holiday costume, giving one a good idea of the mongrel population. There were English, Scotch and Irish especially prominent. Was going from Division Street Church down to Glazeby's, he broke two windows in the parsonage, sassed a woman in the next house, hit a dog a whack with a chinning club that made him howl till his back ached, There were English, Scotch and Irish especially prominent. Maori men, women and children, half castes and quadroons. Some four or five English ships and steamers lying at anchor in the stream, were covered with bunting, and presented a fine appearance. Taking ful sight of religion to go around a boy.

Burlington Hawkeye. en masse to the regatta. One's invol- lead by some 39,000 acres, and we regard untary thought was, "this is more English than American;" but as I have discovered since, it is more Scotch than Hays City Sentinel.

In the next letter my endeavor shall be to give you some idea of Dunedin, which has, perhaps justly, been called the "Athens of the South."

Jas.

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